cities has been launched by the Central Government. During the current year four cities *viz.*, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad are proposed to be covered. The Scheme will be expanded to other Metropolitan cities in the coming years subject to availability of funds.

Closed spinning and weaving Mills

2647. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Closed spinning and weaving Mills in the country as on 30th September, 1988, statewise:

(b) the number of workers rendered unemployed on account of the closure of these mills;

(c) the amount of provident funds to be paid by the mills to the workers; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the payment of provident funds to workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b). Based on the latest available information a statement on state-wise number of spinning & weaving mills closed and workers affected during the years 1986, 1987 and the period from January to September, 1988 is attached. [*See* Appendix CXL-VIII, Annexure No. 118].

(c) and (d). The information which is being collected will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

[2648. *Transferred to the 7th December*, 1988]

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा सभाओं, रैलियों के प्रसारण के लिए दिया गया। मूल्य

2649. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी द्वारा राजनीतिक पार्टियों की सभाओं, रैलियों इत्यादि के लिये और प्रधान मंत्री अन्य केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों, मुख्यमंत्रियों तथा अन्य राज्य मंत्रियों के साक्षात्कार/भाषण इत्यादि के प्रसारण के लिए निर्धारित किये गये मानदंडों का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) वर्ष 1987 के दौरान इन मानदंडों का किस सीमा तक पालन किया गया था ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एच.के.एल. भगत) : (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा राजनीतिक पार्टियों की सभाओं, रैलियों, इत्यादि के लिए और प्रधानमंत्री, केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों, मुख्य मंत्रियों और राज्य मंत्रियों के साक्षात्कारों/भाषणों को अपने समाचार बुलेटिनों में उनकी समाचार गुणवत्ता पर निर्भर करते हुए निर्धारित मानदण्डों के अनुसार, समाचार मदों के रूप में कवर किया जाता है । माध्यम सलाहकार समिति ने ऐसे अवसरों की कवरेज के संबंध में आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन द्वारा अनुसरण हेतु मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांत जारी कर दिए हैं । जब भी राजनीतिक प्रकृति के कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए जाते हैं, आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन का हमेशा यह प्रयास रहता है कि वे विभिन्न राजनीतिक पार्टियों की भी राय ले लें । मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांत यह विनिर्दिष्ट करते हैं कि प्रमाणिक जानकारी के आधार पर समाचारों के उद्देश्य, औचित्य और संतुलन को बनाए रखा जाए । किसी भी राजनीतिक पार्टी या अलग-अलग व्यक्तियों के पक्ष में अथवा विरोध में कोई भेदभाव नहीं रखा जाता तथा विभिन्न मतों को उचित रूप से प्रस्तुत करना ही उद्देश्य रहा है । इस संबंध में किसी भी नियम की उपेक्षा नहीं होती है।

Higher energy consumption in Snam Progetti Fertilizer Plants

2650. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Indian Express of the 16th September, 1988 under the heading "Snam plants

push up production costs" regarding higher energy consumption in fertilizer plants set up in collaboration with Snam Progetti; and

(b) the energy consumption in such plants in comparison to other similar plants of similar capacity manufactured in collaboration of different companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The current energy consumption in ammonia plants set up in collaboration with Haldor Topsoe and the plant set up in collaboration with M.W. Kellogg is given below:—

Plants set up with Haldor Topsoe technology	Energy consumption (in million Kilo calories per tonne of ammonia)	Plant set up with M W Kellogg technology	Energy consumption (in million Kilo calories per tonne of ammonia)
Thal	8.78	Hazira	8.802
Vijaipur	9.01		
Aonla	7.54		

Non remittance of income/sales tax dues by NCCF.

2651. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Manager (West) and Controller of Finance and Accounts of NCCF wilfully avoided remittance of income/sale tax dues as per Government rules in 1979-80 forcing Government to lodge punitive action to realise the due amount; and

(b) whether Government have initiated disciplinary action against the officer(s) regarding this deliberate and wilful neglect of Government provisions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The income-tax authorities assessed tax liability of NCCF in 1984 for the accounts of the year 1979-80 ignoring their claim for losses. Subsequently, the income-tax Appellate Tribunal allowed the appeal of NCCF and an amount of Rs. 17 lakhs so paid became refundable. Obviously, there was no wilful avoidance of payment of taxes on the part of the NCCF.

Sales tax are being paid by the respective branches of NCCF and no default in the matter has come to the notice of the HQs.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of Janata Toilet soap in Bombay by NCCF

2652. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government assigned role of distribution of Janata Toilet soap, a highly subsidized item, to NCCF through member cooperatives in Bombay for Public Distribution;

(b) whether large quantity of the said item (worth Rs. 10 lacs) was diverted by the concerned Regional Manager and Branch Manager of Bombay to private trade through non-member stores and the manufacturers also complained repeatedly; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the responsible officers and, if not, the reasons therefor?